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Stated Meeting, January 5th, 1877.

Present 15 Members.

Vice-President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Academy at Lisbon, Aug. 24 (XV 2; 94, 95), and the Meteorological Office, London, December 1, 1876 (97).

Letters of envoy were received from the Italian Society of Sciences at (Modena) Rome, and the Society at Liverpool, November 25th, 1876.

Donations for the Library were received from the R. S. New S. Wales; the Academies at St. Petersburg, Berlin and Philadelphia; the Societies at Königsburg and Boston; the Institute of Lombardy; Soc. Ital. d. Sci. at Rome; R. Geol. Committee at Rome; S. Capellini; Nouv. Mét. and Rev. Pol. Paris; Astron. and Antiq. SS and London Nature; Franklin Institute; Coll. of Pharmacy; Smith. Institution, Dr. Hayden, and the Brazilian Government.

No. 96 of the Proceedings just published was laid on the table for examination.

The death of Dr. Jos. Carson, at Philadelphia, Dec. 30, 1876, in the 69th year of his age, was announced by Mr. Fraley; and on motion Dr. John B. Biddle was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased.

Mr. Chase made a communication "On the influence of central forces in determining chemical volumes."

Mr. Britton exhibited specimens of artificial fuel manufactured from the peat bogs near Syracuse, in New York, and remarked upon its resemblance to the lignite of S. W. Arkansas, promising a further description.

Mr. Briggs communicated a paper "On Refraction Tables," by Prof. A. K. Mansfield, of Cordova, S. A.

Dr. LeConte communicated notes and a table to point out the most important features of the memoir published in No. 96 of the Proceedings.

Mr. Lesley read characteristic portions of a paper by Mr. Leo Lesquereaux of Columbus, introductory to "The Flora of the Carboniferous of North America," which he is preparing as one of the Reports of Progress of the Second Geological Survey of Pennsylvania.

The report of the judges and clerks of the annual election was read, announcing the following list of officers for the ensuing year:

President.

George B. Wood.

Vice-Presidents.

Frederick Fraley, Eli K. Price, E. Otis Kendall.

Secretaries.

John L. LeConte, Pliny E. Chase, George F. Barker, J. Peter Lesley.

Curators.

Hector Tyndale, Charles M. Cresson, Daniel G. Brinton.

Treasurer.

J. Sergeant Price.

Councillors.

Isaac Hays, Robert E. Rogers, Henry C. Carey, Robert Bridges.

Mr. Lesley was nominated Librarian.

Pending nominations 809 to 829 were read.

On motion the Librarian was authorized to transmit to the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth at Harrisburg, for publication in the new volume of Archives, the MSS. Journal of Col. Burd at Fort Augusta, in 1763, taking the needful guarantees for the safety and return of the MSS. to the Library of the Society.

And the meeting was adjourned.